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EDITORIALS*

NEWLY-ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE C. M. A.

The April issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE printed the complete program of the sixty-third annual session of the California Medical Association at Riverside from April 30 to May 3, with the Mission Inn as the Association's headquarters. But because all copy for each issue of the official journal is sent to the printer on or before the twentieth of the preceding month, it is not possible to give in this number any detailed information concerning this year's convention. Such a report and comment must be reserved for publication in June.

The forms have been held open, however, to permit the insertion here of the names of the new officers just elected. These are as follows:

(a) President-Elect: Robert A. Peers, Colfax.

(b) Speaker of the House of Delegates: Edward M. Palette, Los Angeles.

(c) Vice-Speaker of the House of Delegates: John H. Graves, San Francisco.

* Editorials on subjects of scientific and clinical interest, contributed by members of the California Medical Association, are printed in the Editorial Comments column, which follows.

(d) Councilors:

Third District: Henry J. Ullmann, Santa Barbara; Sixth District: Karl L. Schaupp, San Francisco; Ninth District: Henry S. Rogers, Petaluma.

Councilors at Large: Harry H. Wilson, Los Angeles; William H. Kiger, Los Angeles; Junius B. Harris, Sacramento.

(e) Delegates to the American Medical Association for the sessions of 1935-1936: Charles A. Dukes, Oakland; Clarence G. Toland, Los Angeles; Junius B. Harris, Sacramento; William R. Moloney, Sr., Los Angeles. Alternates: Edward N. Ewer, Oakland; Edward M. Palette, Los Angeles; John Hunt Shepard, San Jose; John C. Ruddock, Los Angeles.

Next year's annual session will be held in Yosemite National Park.

In next month's issue the minutes of the House of Delegates, and also of the general and other proceedings will be printed.

BASIC SCIENCE (QUALIFYING CERTIFICATE) LAWS

The March CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, page 194, and the issue for April, page 302, presented some comments on a proposed basic science (qualifying certificate) law for California, but only a brief outline of such a proposed act was indicated.

Lest the proposition be misunderstood, it should be remembered that such a law would in no manner interfere with the present or future standards of our own California Medical Practice Act, in which obtains the three years of preliminary education as attested by collegiate standards.

However, an honestly tested high school standard is a real advance on the preliminary education of one California cult which already has several thousand legally-licensed graduates. A basic science law would have gone far to prevent such a low educational standard and the ensuing embarrassing situation.

So, also, as regards the five subjects in which the examinations were to be held. If English, physiology and chemistry were made obligatory, the remaining two subjects might be selected by the candidate from anatomy, physics, botany, zoölogy, or biology. Any five of these fundamental non-medical subjects, with examinations by a high-standard board, non-partisan and of the non-healing art, would seem to fulfill one of the major purposes of a basic science, or qualifying certificate, law.

These comments are made in answer to several letters from members of the California Medical Association who were kind enough to send in their own viewpoints. It is hoped, therefore, that other members will feel free to offer their suggestions to the Special Committee on Basic Science Act.

"PUBLIC HEALTH AND PRIVATE DOCTORS"

Under the above caption, the April *Survey-Graphic* of New York prints a series of articles on public health, the first or leading article of the issue having the above title and presenting some